

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (new) A method of producing a tube mat, characterized by the following steps of the method:

- Following extrusion, the tubes are pressed shut within the area of the closure with the help of a pressure applicator roller provided with pins distributed over the circumference of the roller, specifically with formation of beads and closing bridges; and
- vulcanization is carried out subsequently.

Claim 18 (new) The method according to claim 17, characterized in that exchangeable pins are used.

Claim 19 (new) The method according to claim 17, characterized in that the vulcanization is carried out without pressure in the UHF channel, in a salt bath installation, or in a hot air installation.

Claim 20 (new) The method according to claim 17,  
characterized in that the tube mat is produced with a great  
length specifically with formation of closed tube segments, in  
conjunction with subsequent cutting of the article depending on  
the purpose of application.